

**REMARKS**

By this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicants cancel without prejudice or disclaimer claims 2-40. Accordingly, only claim 1 is pending in this application. Additionally, Applicants request that the originally filed drawing sheet of Figs. 7-9 be replaced with the replacement drawing attached herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the this supplemental preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to properly identify Fig. 9 as "Fig. 9."

Attachments: Replacement Sheet (one sheet for Figs. 7-9)